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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Archaic Law

IT would be interesting to know what has prompted officialdom suddenly to consider involving a law which, ever since it was passed some 60 years ago, has remained a dormant piece of legislation. We refer to the "warning" which has been issued to business houses and stores that Government might insist on 15-cent receipt stamps being affixed to cash vouchers. Has some official been browsing through the Ordinances and found his sense of the majesty of the law outraged because the Colony's shopkeepers and businessmen have all these years been acting in an "illegal" manner by issuing unslamped cash receipts for goods purchased? If so, we can only suggest such zeal and such enthusiasm for the letter of what can properly be regarded as an obsolete law are a trifle misguided. Or is it that the Treasury has fortuitously discovered another potential source of revenue, and one it is determined to exploit? If so, it can only be suggested that it reveals a poor sense of proportion and timing.

THE strict letter of the law is not in dispute, but it is also a fact that it is a provision which has become archaic. Its non-application over so many years makes it so. Moreover, the procedure does not apply in England, Australia and other parts of the Commonwealth. It is an unnecessary piece of legislation, and we suggest that Government, rather than contemplate making it effective at this time, should instead consider scrapping it. The future buoyancy of the Colony's revenues does not depend on collecting a few thousand dollars annually from additional receipt stamps, while to upset and render chaotic a system of shopkeeping which has been satisfactory to everybody concerned for such a long period of time seems to be the height of stupidity.

### Backward Pupils

A CORRESPONDENT has raised an interesting point about the so-called "expulsion" of over-age but below-standard pupils from local schools, and reasonably enough argues that while these youths, of ages anything up to 21, who continue to fail to reach ordinary scholastic levels, are permitted to remain in the schools they are preventing more capable and intelligent children from receiving the education to which they are entitled. There appears to be a genuine problem here which, conceivably, has not escaped the notice of the Education Department. Many of these backward young people of both sexes are not wholly to blame for their scholastic deficiencies. The Occupation years during which they were denied any proper schooling constitute a big contributing factor to their dull-wittedness. Nevertheless, while their parents can afford to keep them at school these youthful students are entitled to try and bring themselves up to required scholastic standards. What seems to be needed is a special school to which these backward pupils can move for the completion of their studies, thus avoiding "expulsion" and at the same time making room in the ordinary schools for pupils of normal scholastic ability.

### Buses Disappear

Buenos Aires, Aug. 6. Police are searching for three buses which disappeared a week ago with their drivers while on regular runs to the seaside resort of Mar del Plata, about 250 miles south of here.—Reuter.

# "PRECIOUS VICTORIES WON" SAYS EISENHOWER

## Crashed His Burning Plane And Survived

London, Aug. 6. Staff Sergeant Roy Speers of Bennington, Oklahoma, said today he rode a flaming American B-36 bomber to a crash in the Atlantic and survived after staying for 10 hours in the water. Sgt Speers was one of the four survivors of the crash early Tuesday. Five bodies were recovered and 14 more are feared dead. A statement released by the US Air Force here quoted Sgt Speers as saying that when the plane hit the water the nose of the plane broke off. "I escaped through the turret cover," he said. He added that he had been in the water for 10 hours when an air rescue ship picked him up and dropped him a lifeboat. "I saw two other men alive after the ditching," United Press.

## Wedding Photograph Protest

Capetown, Aug. 6. Mr Charles Swart, South African Minister of Justice, today held up in the House of Assembly a newspaper photograph of the daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps and a Nigerian taken after their marriage in London recently.

He described it as "a disgusting photograph of a wedding that had taken place between the daughter of a former British Cabinet Minister and a Nigerian blanket native."

(Gaudy coloured blankets form a striking part of Africans' clothes.)

Mr Swart added if such a thing were to happen in South Africa, it would be "the end."

(Miss Peggy Cripps, daughter of Lady Cripps and the late Sir Stafford Cripps, a former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, married Mr Joseph Appiah, an Ashanti tribesman in a London church on July 18.)

(Mr Appiah wore the traditional dress of his tribe.)

Mr Swart was moving the second reading of a Bill which seeks to remove a legal obstacle in the way of Dr Daniel Malan's Apartheid-Racial Segregation policy.

The Bill that reservation of amenities for a particular race or class of people cannot be invalidated merely because no similar amenities have been reserved for the other race or class.

It follows court decisions invalidating regulations reserving separate amenities for whites and non-whites on trains, railway stations, post offices and other public premises.—Reuter.

## 100 Families Made Homeless

Catania, Sicily, Aug. 6.

More than 100 families were homeless here tonight after storms had raged over this coastal town for more than 12 hours.—Reuter.

## Stirring Broadcast To The Nation FREE WORLD'S FIRM & ABIDING PURPOSE

Washington, Aug. 6. President Eisenhower said tonight that the winning of the Korean truce proved "that the collective resolve of the free world can and will meet aggression in Asia—or anywhere in the world."

President Eisenhower, in a radio broadcast in which he summed up the achievements of the 83rd Congress and of the first six months of his Administration, said the United States did not greet the truce with "wild rejoicing."

"We know how dear its cost has been in life and treasure," he added. "We know how grave are the problems to be met before the people of Korea enjoy real unity and security."

"Yet we also soberly know that we have won two precious victories."

"We have shown in the winning of this truce that the collective resolve of the free world can and will meet aggression in Asia—or anywhere in the world."

"And we have won the opportunity to show that free people can build in peace as boldly as they fight in war."

President Eisenhower said that the United States was pursuing a policy of strength and security through its proposed rehabilitation programme for the South Korean Republic and the overall military and economic aid programme to Western Europe.

He said that strong Congressional support generally for his foreign policies signified an unprecedented unity that crossed party lines and promised steady purpose in the conduct of foreign affairs.

The President added: "All these developments—from the still smouldering East to the strengthening West—would not fail to have impressed the peoples of the Soviet world. Neither purges nor police nor prisons have been able to stifle the growing cries for food—and for freedom. Cold oppression has been repaid with cold hate."

Referring to the United States food relief programme for the people of East Germany, Mr Eisenhower said the United States action was motivated by the same spirit "directing our course in Korea."

"There is a significant connection between these distant spots on the great globe."

"Berlin and Korea have been twin of the scenes chosen by the Communist world for flagrant acts of aggression since World War II."

## DEFIANCE MESSAGE

Mr Eisenhower praised the people of East Berlin for their "message of defiance" to the Soviet occupation authorities during their uprising in June.

He said: "In Germany, we have urged the Soviet Union to join with the Western nations in speeding that nation's unity."

"Even as we have urged the people of Germany have delivered an eloquent message of their own to Soviet occupation authorities."

"It has been a message of defiance—delivered by the thousands of Berlin workers who

stormed through their streets in the memorable June uprising, and the tens of thousands who have defiantly come to West Berlin for the needed food sent by this Government for their relief."

Mr Eisenhower said that the essential force behind the power to inform the world of its power to create good was the unity of the non-Communist nations, and one essential basis for that unity, in turn, was economic health nourished by mutually beneficial trade.

He praised the Congress for what he said was a "clear understanding of this truth" by passing Bills simplifying United States Customs regulations and extending the Reciprocal Trade Act.

Mr Eisenhower added: "I know of no official of this Administration so foolish as to believe that we, who in January came to Washington, have seen and conquered all the problems of our nation."

"The future, both immediate and distant, remains full of trial and hazard."

"The end of our staggering economic burden is not yet in sight. The end of the peril to peace is not clearly in view."

"OUR EVERY DEED" "There is only this in sight: a firm and binding purpose that guides all our objectives—our every deed."

"This purpose is to serve and to strengthen our people, all our people, in their faith in freedom and in their quest of peace; and to strengthen all other peoples who share with us that faith and that quest."

Mr Eisenhower said: "We have already given sign of our power and will to do just that. The Congress has authorized the spending of 200 million additional dollars for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of South Korea."

"This action springs directly from the heart of America, (Contd. on back page, col. 2)

## Govt Orders Strikers To Go Back To Work

Paris, Aug. 6. The French Cabinet decided tonight to order back to work long-distance telephone operators idle in a strike which threatens to grow into the biggest post-war challenge to the Government.

More than 200,000 postal workers have been on strike since yesterday, crippling telephone and telegraph services and cutting off mail deliveries in Paris and many provincial cities.

The Cabinet also decided to take "the necessary measures" to safeguard the nation's electricity supplies, presumably meaning that electricity workers, called out to join the strike movement, will be ordered to stay at work.

The Government's order in theory carries the penalty of loss of job and pension rights and possible imprisonment for those who ignore it, though in practice the defaulters usually receive only minor punishment.

With two million workers in the government and national industries preparing to down tools for 24 hours at midnight in response to a call by the Socialist Force Ouvriere Trade Union Group, the Communists threw their weight into the attack tonight.

The Central Committee of the General Confederation of Labour (CGT) promised the government strikers "full solidarity" and called on CGT workers in other branches of industry to show their sympathy by demonstrations and stoppages.

This gave the strike the backing of all labour groups in the country.

## NEW UNION MOVE

Encouraged by the success of the postal stoppage, which swept through the country like wild fire, the Socialist Force Ouvriere Trade Union Group has ordered its members in public services to strike for 24 hours.

The order affects public servants, railwaymen, miners, gas and electricity workers, hospital and health workers.

The principal aim of the strike is to stop the government putting into effect a plan to extend the present retiring age of 60 for public and municipal employees to 62.

The workers are also demanding an immediate monthly pay rise of between 5,000 and 7,000 francs (about £5 and £7) and an annual Christmas bonus.

The Prime Minister, Joseph Laniel, today published an appeal which is to be broadcast for a return to work while the strikers' demands were being studied.

He warned of the damage that could be done to the country by a disclosure of public services, particularly at the height of the tourist season and said the strikers would not be paid for their time out.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

## North Korean POWs Riot

Tokyo, Aug. 7. The United Nations Prisoner of War Command announced today that United Nations guards on Koje Island yesterday evening opened fire on rioting North Korean Communists awaiting transport to the prisoner exchange point at Panmunjom.

One prisoner was killed and four injured. There were no Allied casualties.

The Command said nearly 12,000 North Koreans took part in the mass demonstration. When guards used tear gas, the prisoners resorted to violence, hurling rocks and, in one instance, attacking the guards with boards. It was then that they opened fire with small arms.—Reuter.

## A 70 Year-Old Commando



This 70-year-old man who has just completed a commando training course marches as smartly as his younger colleagues during a parade in Liberty Square, Cairo, during which General Naguib took the salute.—London Express.

## State Dept Lauds British Policies

Washington, Aug. 6.

The State Department today endorsed Britain's policies in Malaya and warmly praised General Sir Gerald Templer, Malayan High Commissioner, for his leadership in the successful campaign against the Communist guerrillas.

It reminded Americans that British military measures against the Communists in the Malayan jungles were as vital to the safety of non-Communist world as the United Nations struggle against the Communists in Korea.

The importance of safeguarding Singapore and the Malayan Federation was stressed by the State Department in its new background booklet, "Malaya, Trouble Spot in Southeast Asia."

"Many Americans think of Malaya as a source of tin and rubber," but Malaya is more than that," the State Department said.

"It is important to the free world, politically and strategically, as well as economically."

"Malaya is the scene of a long drawn out and bitter struggle between the supporters of freedom and those who would impose Communism."

The fate of the Malayan peoples and the stability of Southeast Asia are directly linked to the outcome of that struggle, and free nations everywhere cannot help but be affected by it."

It warned that Malaya was used by the Japanese as a stepping stone when they invaded the East Indies and could be used again by an aggressor should its defences be neglected by the non-Communist world.

"Malaya is not an isolated island in an Asian jungle," the State Department said.

## MORTAL COMBAT

"Malaya is one of three Asian areas in which the free world is locked in mortal combat with the Communists. The other two areas are Korea and Indo-China. From the global standpoint, Malaya, Indo-China and Korea are all part of the same threatening Communist pattern of aggression."

"A Communist victory in Asia—whether in Malaya, Korea or Indo-China—could have a serious impact upon the security of the free world as a whole."

The State Department said in the booklet that the United States fully supported Britain's military campaign in Malaya and her efforts to work with the Malayan

## Berlin Food War

## FORGED COUPONS APPEAR

### New Development

Berlin, Aug. 6.

Forged ration coupons turned up here today in what a West Berlin City spokesman described as a "new Communist attempt to disturb the American German food aid programme."

West Berlin unemployed came to the west sector borough offices to collect gifts with the coupons they claimed to have received by post. The spokesman could not say how many forged coupons were in circulation.

Altogether 1,000,000 East Berliners and East Germans have collected the 10-lb. United States food parcels during the first ten days of the food programme.

City officials expected to issue another 200,000 rations today, as most East German railway stations resumed the sale of tickets to Berlin, stopped last Saturday on government instructions. But the Communist travel ban officially remained in force, East Germans said here.—Reuter.

## RIVAL CENTRE

At the same time about 700 West Berliners queued for food at one East Berlin rival food distribution centre.

The food issued there originated from the West Berlin aid programme but was handed in by East Berliners recognising the "provocative character of the programme," according to the East German news agency, ADN.

A second distribution centre opened in East Berlin this morning was closed two hours later because of lack of food, eye witnesses said.

At the other point, distribution was frequently interrupted when supplies ran out. It was resumed after police lorries delivered more food parcels from collecting points set up at all East Berlin railway stations.

West Berlin police announced today that 55 West Berliners were still missing since the June 17 riots in East Berlin and East Germany. Shortly after the uprising more than 400 were reported missing but most of them either returned or their whereabouts became known.

Northwest German Radio today quoted unconfirmed reports that Soviet army reinforcements, including tanks, were still coming into East Berlin as precautionary measures.—Reuter.

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TO-MORROW: "OUTCRY" English Subtitles Italian Picture

# Britain Preparing Expansion Of Jetliner Services Throughout The World

## Reds Purge Universities

Berlin, Aug. 6. East German and Soviet authorities arrested and sentenced 488 university professors and students between April, 1948, and June, 1953, according to a survey by the West German Office for All-German Student Affairs, published today.

Seventy-seven students and teachers were sentenced to 25 years' hard labour each, and others to terms of over 20 years.—Reuter.

## LEFTIST JOURNAL'S ADVICE TO THE WEST

London, Aug. 6. The New Statesman and Nation, left-wing weekly review, said today that the distribution of free food parcels to the East German population was the first successful piece of propaganda the West had thought up since the cold war began.

"If psychological warfare has to be waged, this is the way to wage it," the journal said.

At the very least it could be said that a great advance on the free distribution of napalm bombs with which the United Nations wooed the civilians of North Korea.

The journal said a drastic change in Western policy was needed. If the West wanted to see free elections in Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia it could not simultaneously demand that a united Germany should be rearmament and included in the Atlantic Pact.

The New Statesman and Nation declared: "If the Western powers really care about the freedom of Eastern Europe, they must at least be prepared to pay the price of permitting a united Germany to be neutralised for a period."

"They must publicly admit that the relaxation of the Russian grip on Eastern Europe must be compensated by an American withdrawal from Western Europe and the British Isles."

"Until these two principles are accepted by Washington and London, the bundles from Berlin will remain a successful but sterile propaganda stunt."—Reuter.

## Optimism In S'pore

Singapore, Aug. 6. Textile merchants are placing high hopes on the reopening of the China market in view of the armistice in Korea.

One trade source said that although a dozen textile leaders have liquidated their business with a loss estimated at \$50,000,000 most dealers are of the opinion that the slump in the textile trade will be over soon.

There are only limited stocks in Singapore now and most of the firms are withdrawing further sale below cost and hiding back stocks in anticipation of a sudden turn for the better when the China market is re-opened.—United Press.

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London, Aug. 6. Britain is getting ready for a big expansion of its operation of jetliner services throughout the world, including round-the-globe routes by bigger and faster Comets and giant Britannias.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation, first airline to operate jets, announced tonight that its development unit is now carrying out trials with a modified Comet with Rolls-Royce Avon jet engines.

These engines are being fitted in Comet series-2, of which BOAC have 12 on order. The series-2 will carry 44 passengers compared with 36 in earlier models.

Their longer range will enable them to operate additional routes, increasing the British-South America service across the South Atlantic.

This company has set up an organisation to handle its new propeller jet Britannias, which will seat 90 to 93 passengers when fitted for tourist traffic and 60 for more luxurious schedules.

BOAC has ordered 20 Britannias, with the option on a further number. These huge aircraft, which cruise at 385 miles an hour and can fly the Atlantic non-stop, represent the second stage in the Corporation's plans to have an all-jet fleet.

The Britannia has been designed as one of the most economical aircraft ever to fly, and with the 500 miles an hour Comet it will operate both northern and southern round-the-world schedules.—China Mail Special.

Conquest-3, which is now being developed, Air France's Series-2 Comets will be delivered early in 1955. They will be powered by four Rolls-Royce jet engines instead of the De Havilland Ghost jets fitted in the originals.—Reuter.

## Vietminh Tactics Borrowed

Hanoi, Aug. 6. For the first time, Vietnam troops borrowed their opponents' tactics today, when they "infiltrated" the Bulchu area.

Light units were sent to the Bulchu area, which is a sea coast area with a dense population, with the mission of completely pacifying the country.

Until now, the saying held true that the days belonged to the Vietminh troops, and the Vietminh rebels. However, General Nguyen Van Hinh, explaining the work of the new units today, declared: "Now, it will be all ours."

Each battalion will be assigned to a Vietminh area, and the mission of clearing out all hostile elements. They will clean up the region, and establish a definite "security zone" free of opposition.

It is hoped that the "pacifying" actions will result in the establishment of Franco-Vietnam control so firmly in this region that before the end of the year, it could be integrated with the other parts of the country being transferred to Vietnam sovereignty under the terms of the agreement with France.—France-Press.

## ABOLITION OF VISAS NOTIFIED

London, Aug. 6. Britain has told eight European countries that from September 1 their nationals will no longer need travel visas for visits to Singapore, the Federation of Malaya and North Borneo.

The countries are Denmark, Italy, Iceland, Luxembourg, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

In separate notes sent last month, and made public today, the Foreign Office pointed out that the visa requirement for Singapore and Malaya was imposed in August, 1950, and for North Borneo and Brunei in October, 1951.

Visas will still be required for travel to Brunei.

A Colonial Office spokesman said the visas were being abolished following the introduction of new immigration ordinances to the British territories under which there would be sufficient control of travellers.—Reuter.

## Crew For The Britannia

Glasgow, Aug. 6. Vice-Admiral Abel Smith, Flag Officer Royal Yachts, who is the Commanding Officer of the new royal yacht Britannia, is selecting a ship's complement of 22 officers and 225 ratings, including Royal Marines, who will be required on board for ceremonial duties and to act as servants for officers.

The construction of the yacht is being completed on the Clyde. It is expected she will be ready for trials at the end of the year in preparation for the Navy's acceptance.—China Mail Special.

## Indonesia Advised To Adjust Trade Relations With Reds

Djakarta, Aug. 6. Indonesia must look to the possibilities of opening new trade relations with Communist China and Soviet Russia if she does not want to be left behind, according to a report in the independent Chinese-owned Indonesian language daily "Keng Po."

The article, by a local correspondent, was headlined "Trade Possibilities With Communist China And Russia."

The report said, "There are many ways for Indonesia to trade with China."

It pointed out that China needs cinchona—a bark—in addition to rubber which is supplied by Ceylon and that Indonesia has a "big supply of sulphur and scrap which can be offered to China."

Commenting on a recent report that Red China is prepared to barter rice with Indonesia, the article said, "This barter trade cannot be considered as a long-term agreement. It is destined only for the psychological effect in Indonesia."

This article continued, "It struck us, however, that traders (Indonesians) are examining the possibilities of opening trade relations with Communist China. China is offering agricultural equipment and wolfram to Indonesia. But there is no demand for these goods here. Chinese soybeans, however, have attracted much interest."

The trades survey said that "Communist China, as a textile goods supplier is of no importance to Indonesia. Besides, Indonesia needs capital goods at present."

Trade between Indonesia, China and Russia was rather brisk before the "Battle Act" was in force, the report said.

Citing statistics released by the Indonesian Central Bureau of Statistics the trade review said that exports to Communist China amounted to only the equivalent of \$40,000 in 1951 while in 1952 there was a decrease of about \$10,000.

However, the report said, "These figures are not sufficient because a great part of the trade was done via Singapore and Hongkong. Direct trade with China was only in oil and coal."

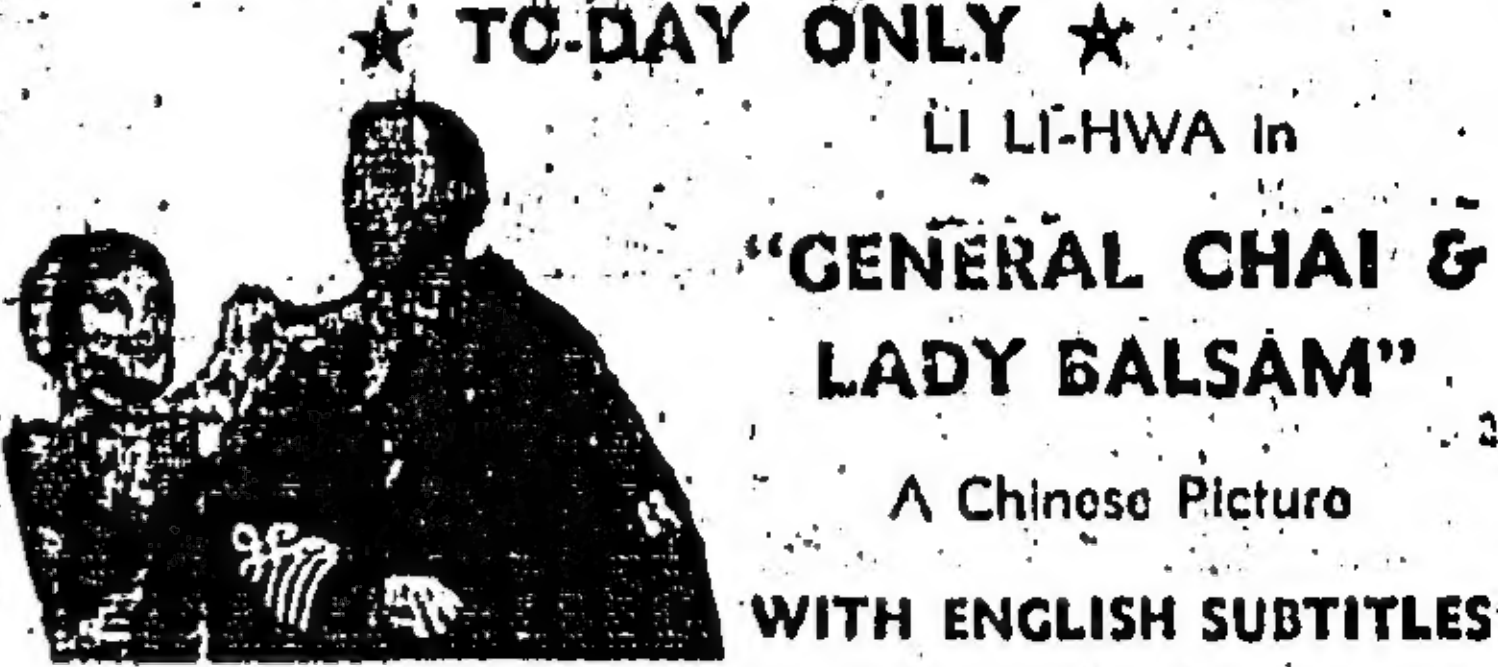
Turning to imports from Red China the article said that direct imports were worth about \$2,215,000. These consisted mainly of dried fruits and vegetables.—United Press.

## Indo-American Talks Fail

New Delhi, Aug. 6. Talks on the revision of the seven-year-old Indo-American air agreement, which have been going on since May 11, ended yesterday without a decision being reached.

A joint communiqué issued tonight said the two delegations, which held 11 meetings, would now report to their respective governments.—Reuter.

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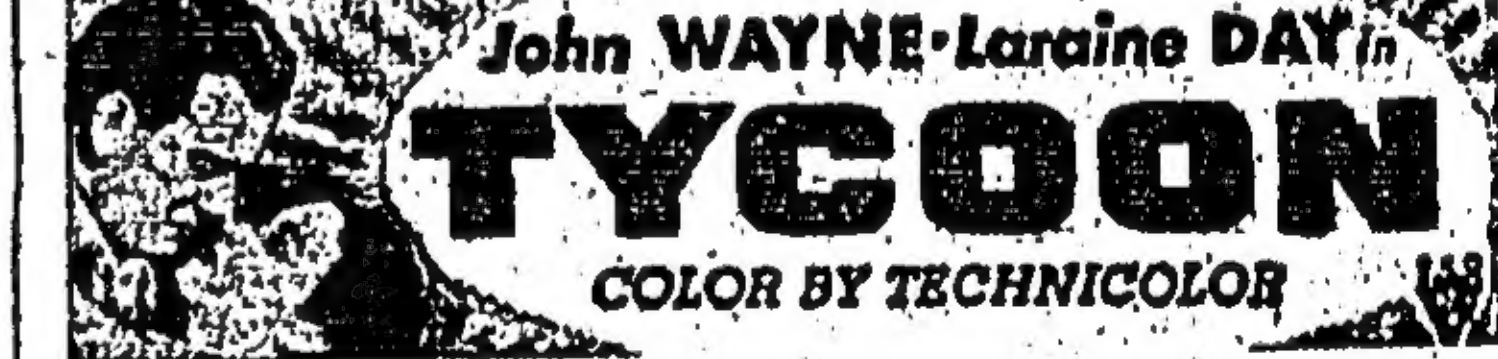
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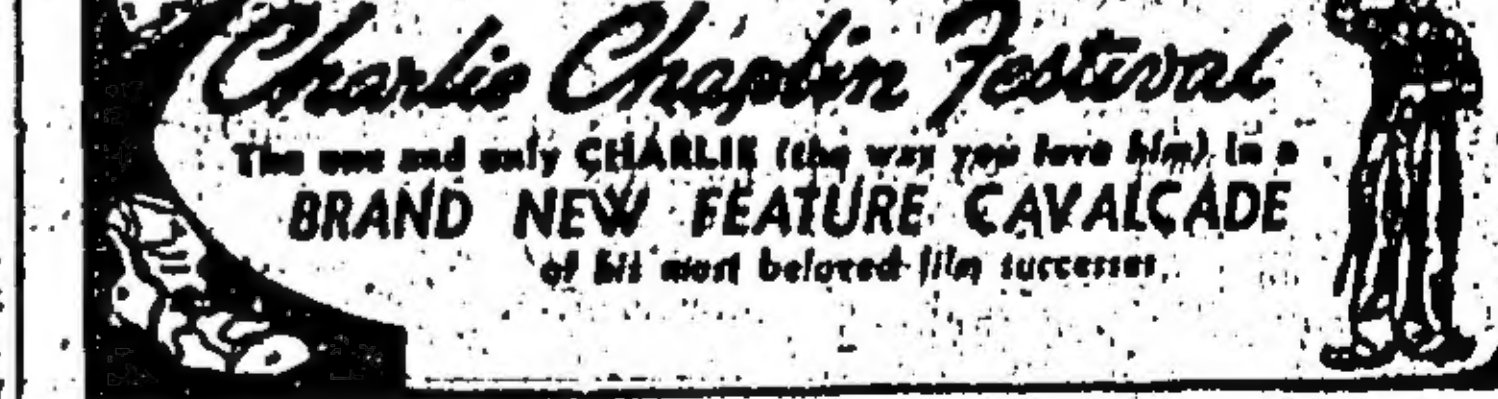
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## Mixture Of Bewilderment And Acute Disappointment

### Swan-Uppers Flout Tradition

Nine and a half-centuries of tradition slipped quietly away behind a Thames water bus this week.

The "bus" pulled the six-foot swan-riding expedition from "The City" to Henley for the annual count to see which swans belong to the Queen, which to the Vintners and Dyer's companies. For, between them, they "own" all the swans on the river.

Traditionally, the gaily beflagged boats are rowed up stream by stout men in coloured jerseys. This year, after a look at the fast running tide, the men hailed the water bus to Old Swans pier.

Perhaps it was as well. Swan counting can be a bother.

A "kick" from the wing of an angry swan can knock a man flat and, since the birds must be cornered with their young, it is as well not to arrive puffed out.

Frederick Turle, the Queen's swan keeper, is nursing a leg injury suffered when one swan kicked out.

For the first day of the week-long job, he wore his brilliant green uniform with gold buttons. After that, he switched to a more practical old jersey.

### London Bus For Japan

London, Aug. 7. A London Transport single-decker green bus will leave tonight on an 11,000-mile journey to Tokyo to carry British Commonwealth troops on sightseeing tours of Japan.

The coach, which normally operates on the suburban "Green Line" bus routes from Central London to the towns in the outer fringes of the Metropolis, will be stationed at the Korean leave centre at Epsom just outside Tokyo.

It is being sent in answer to a request to London Transport from the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, Chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services, who recently visited Commonwealth forces in Korea and Japan.

The bus will be taken aboard the naval transport carrier Perseus at Portsmouth on Monday and will sail for the Far East on August 17.—China Mail Special.

London, Aug. 6. Senior Western diplomats will meet in one of the three Western capitals soon to analyse Moscow's latest note to the "Big Three" and to draft a reply to it, according to an authoritative source. The Kremlin note proposing a virtually limitless agenda for an East-West meeting for Foreign Ministers continued to baffle Soviet policy experts today.

Replying yesterday to a Western invitation to a four-power Foreign Ministers' conference to discuss elections in Germany and the Austrian treaty of independence, Moscow suggested:

1. The agenda should discuss methods to ease international tension, and the overall problem of Germany.
2. Communist China should join the talks on East-West tension.
3. The Western powers had fully expected Moscow to put forward alternative topics for the agenda.
4. Their own proposals were made to see whether Stalin's death had really brought about a change in basic Soviet policy, and they believed that the

### Trade Battle Part Of Indo-China War

London, Aug. 6. The Communist New China News Agency said tonight that the Vietnam trade balance between their area of Indo-China and the area under French authority.

The message quoted Deputy Premier Pham Van Dong as saying the Vietnam-occupied area was now selling more to the French areas than it was buying from them.

The initiative in trade "rests entirely in our hands," Pham said. "We are waging a successful trade battle with the enemy." In the past the Vietnam-held area had suffered "some disadvantages" by buying more than it was selling to areas under French authority.

The despatch added that the Deputy Premier had announced a balanced budget for the Vietnamese Republic.

As a result of this the Vietnamese Government had decided to lower its peasant rice tax by 12½ per cent and its agricultural tax by 15 to 20 per cent to enable village administrators to defray their expenses.

The reductions for industry and business would benefit small producers and small traders.—China Mail Special.

easiest way to test Russia's sincerity was to see if Moscow would now agree to free elections in her zone of Germany.

The Soviet response has left the West wondering whether the Kremlin want a big power meeting at all, despite the recent flood of Communist propaganda stressing the need for international negotiations.

QUITE UNACCEPTABLE For the proposed Soviet agenda, and the suggestion that the talks are quite unacceptable to the Western powers.

Official reaction has been cautious, and has gone as far as to "welcome" the fact that the Russians have at least not rejected the Allied initiative altogether.

Diplomatic quarters say this is because the Allied governments are making particular care that their intentions are not misunderstood by public opinion, which, in Europe especially, believes that the Russian "peace offensive" may lead to a new era in international relations.

In private, Western diplomats here do not conceal their bewilderment and acute disappointment with the Russian attack on the whole concept of the North Atlantic Alliance was one of the major factors that led to the breakdown of the Paris talks.

KREMLIN CRISIS? One theory about the reasons for the Russian reply is that continuing convulsions in the Moscow hierarchy are preventing the formulations of a comprehensive foreign policy.

Whatever the reasons, it must have been abundantly evident to the Russians that there was not the slightest chance of the West accepting the proposals the note contained. In this respect, officials are perplexed at the failure of the authors to extract the fullest propaganda value from their reply.

Moscow could, for instance, have said that the talks should be at the highest level, and quoted Sir Winston Churchill as the originator of the idea. Such a suggestion would have embarrassed the Western world, where there is still intense rivalry on the merits of Sir Winston Churchill's proposal and open disagreement on it between Washington and London.

It is also feasible, experts here say, that Moscow merely wanted to stall on the subject of a four-power meeting until after the West German elections next month.

One thing is certain: the situation will not be completely clarified before the West German elections go to the polls on September 6.—China Mail Special.

### Labour Party Official On Red China

Bombay, Aug. 6. Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the British Labour Party, said today he favoured the admission of Communist China into the United Nations but on the condition that peace in Korea was restored.

We have to recognise the Chinese revolution in the way we recognised the Russian revolution," he added.

Mr. Phillips, who is also Chairman of the Socialist International arrived from London to attend the first meeting of the Bureau of the Asian Socialist Conference at Hyderabad, due to start on August 10.

He told a press conference, he hoped the Bureau of the Asian Socialist Conference would help to achieve a closer link between the Socialist International and regional Socialist groups.

Mr. Phillips will stay there three days before going to Hyderabad.—Reuters.



President Auriol (left) of France has a joke with General Gruenthor, successor to General Ridgway as Supreme Commander Allied Forces in Europe, when receiving him at the Elysee Palace.—Express Photo.

## Youthful Delinquents Being Treated Under Revolutionary System

Hamburg, Aug. 6. A water-sodden stretch of sand midstream in the Elbe river and once covered by every advancing tide is today the site of West Germany's most modern youth reformatory.

The reformatory, whose new methods of dealing with delinquency make it the pride of the German youth penal system, has been built on Hahnhofer, a one kilometre-wide (just over ½ a mile) and three and a half kilometre-long (about 2½ miles) sandbank due west of this major North German seaport.

The history of Hahnhofer as a prison site began many years ago when the Hamburg city authorities, looking for a place where they could without inconvenience anyone dump loose earth dredged from their harbour, settled on the sandbank.

The earth raised the level by 12 feet and soon made a sizeable island. During World War I, Hahnhofer was used for Russian prisoners, who lived in huts almost as muddy as the sandbank itself.

By the time the Weimar Republic's eclipse made way for Hitler, the first reformatory had been built there. It suffered from a falling common to many German prisons. Inadequate facilities gave little encouragement to sentenced youths to mend their ways and little opportunity for training towards readjustment to conditions outside.

When Allied air attacks were intensified in the last war, Hahnhofer was turned into an anti-aircraft defence centre to protect the Western air depots. The gunners shared the tiny island with inmates of the reformatory, many of whom helped to build the gun emplacements.

LEARN TRADES Later, three new houses were added to the reformatory, together with workshops where the youths could learn useful trades. To allow soil cultivation, fertile earth was spread over part of the sandbank.

With 25 per cent of German unemployed minors and roughly one post-war German out of every thousand in goal, there was a large influx of juvenile delinquents into West Germany's 14 youth prisons, and Hahnhofer had its share.

Before the currency reform in 1948 there were over 600 youths on the island. But after the reform, which soon eased conditions throughout the land, the number dropped to 200, aged between 15 and 21. This is Hahnhofer's population today.

Newcomers to Hahnhofer go straight to the reformatory's "criminal psychology department" where psychologists try to appraise their character, intelligence and education.

A PRECEDENT Hahnhofer set a precedent with its system of early classification, which youth prison officials believe may be a revolutionary development in German treatment of juvenile delinquency.

The youths are divided into three groups: 1. Those who have been sentenced to indefinite detention; 2. Those who are thought to have been led astray; and 3. Those who, the psychologists believe, have been exposed to moral danger.

Each group has its educational group leader, who is responsible not only for the maintenance of discipline but also for the way in which the members spend their spare time.

Each prison has two rooms for small informal evening gatherings. Youths take their meals in their rooms, but are often allowed to meet in the evenings for supervised singing. The single cells, with running water and toilet, are said to be among the most modern in German prisons.

POCKET MONEY By day, the youths work at gardening, carpentry and other trades likely to help them to settle down in civilian life when they leave. Hahnhofer. They also do all the repair work on the buildings.

Each youth receives 25 pfennigs (5d.) pocket money a day. This rises later to 50 pfennigs, but half of the pay is withheld so that the youth may have something on his release to tide him over until he secures a job.

Sweets and cigarettes can be bought in the reformatory's canteen. Promising prisoners eventually go to a special house where they are able to move about freely. Here, even at night, dormitories are not locked and the windows have no bars.

There is still one further stage of emancipation. This, known as the "village", consists of a small group of houses tucked away under a cluster of trees.

### Churchill To Return To Chartwell

London, Aug. 6. Sir Winston Churchill plans to return next week from Chequers, his official residence in Buckinghamshire, to his own out-of-town house, Chartwell, in Kent.

He has not yet decided on the date of his return to No. 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's London Headquarters.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is at present in day-to-day charge of the Government, will hold a Cabinet meeting at Downing Street on Monday.

Sir Winston will have spent a fortnight at Chequers following the month during which, on doctors' orders, he rested at Chartwell recovering from overwork.—Reuters.

## RUSSIAN PROTEST IN VIENNA

Vienna, Aug. 6. The Soviet High Commissioner, Ivan Ivanovitch Iltchev, today sent a protest to the American authorities in Austria, claiming that a Soviet lieutenant had been subjected to "threats and blackmail" in attempts to make him utter anti-Soviet statements to the press and radio.

The Soviet information service announced today that Iltchev had sent a protest note to the United States High Commissioner, Llewellyn J. Thompson, stating that the Soviet lieutenant, I. M. Janenko, accidentally crossed the demarcation line into Allied territory at Linz on July 29. Finding out his mistake, the announcement said, Janenko got on a tram going to Unfah, a suburb in the Soviet zone.

As the tram was crossing the Danube River, the demarcation line between the Soviet and Allied Zones, American military policemen boarded the tram and took Lieutenant Janenko in custody, the Soviet statement said.

He was taken to the American military police offices, and there was threatened in an effort to make him betray his country. He was kept there all day, the Soviet declaration said, and the Americans released him when they saw that their efforts were fruitless.

The Soviet note requested that action be taken against those responsible for the incident.—France Press.

Madras, Aug. 7. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Chief Minister of Madras, yesterday appealed to film producers in India to reduce "the poison of the sex urge" in Indian films.

Addressing a film federation meeting in Madras, the 74-year-old former Governor-General of India said "people must be given healthy entertainment."

To increase the sex urge was a fatal thing. "The pictures produced and put repeatedly on the screen have added to the mass quantities of sex urge among people," he said.

"If here all this enough as we are. Anything that adds to it is very dangerous. Nature has implanted an urge in man, but it must be controlled by a much greater and more virtuous urge," he said.

He said that the film industry in India was not confined to South Africa alone, but that it was a threat to the peace of that country and the world.

Mr. Scott, who has championed African rights before the United Nations, on several occasions, said there were many ways the United Nations could help South Africa: "One was to provide by the adoption of a similar programme for the help of the United Nations could, through its financial aid pro-

gramme and the World Bank, help to offset the evils of over-concentration of industry by attempting to set up industries in African reserves.

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## Urged To Link Herself Closer With Europe

### LEADING PUBLIC FIGURES ISSUE APPEAL IN LONDON

London, Aug. 6. Members of leading political parties and other public figures issued a statement tonight urging closer association between Britain and Europe and more precise British links with the Schuman Plan.

The statement was released simultaneously in the six Schuman Plan countries—France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The signatories, who include Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the Liberal Party in Parliament, and other prominent Liberals, declared that by remaining open to other alternatives the Schuman Plan States could form the nucleus of a broader community and immeasurably strengthen the Atlantic community.

They urged: 1. British participation in the common market for coal and steel; 2. Full exchange of technical information and the co-ordination of capital investment programmes; 3. The greatest possible standardisation of organisation and equipment of the forces of Britain and the European Army; and 4. The recruiting of a British contingent for service with the European Army.

GESTURE NEEDED The signatories said: "Already the six governments have transferred to the high authority of the Schuman Plan greater powers of the coal and steel industries than those which the British Iron and Steel Board possess."

The treaty to establish a common European defence force had been signed and awaited ratification. Now, the six Ministers were to examine the treaty for a European political community.

"A gesture is needed from this country to match the enterprise and imagination of the initiators of these projects. We believe it would be in the interest of Britain no less of Europe and of the British Commonwealth that we should formulate the terms of our association more precisely than we have yet done," the signatories said.

The following are included among the signatories: Air-Vice-Marshal D. C. Bennett, former Liberal Member of Parliament; Lord Beveridge, President, Federal Union, since 1933; Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, former Liberal M.P., Vice-Chairman of the United Europe Movement; Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Bob Edwards, General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Gilbert Langdon, Conservative M.P.; Sir Gilbert Murray; Mr. John Parker, Labour M.P.; Earl Russell; Dr. E. M. W. Tillyard, Master of Jesus College, Cambridge; Mr. Jocelyn Simon, Conservative M.P.; Sir David Ross, former Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University; Mr. Henry Hyde, Labour M.P., and Joint Secretary of the International Parliamentary Union.—Reuters.

India's Foreign Secretary, Ratan Kumar Nehru, who was leading the advance party, brushed aside questions tonight about whether President Syngmoo Rhee had agreed to the party working in Korea.

He replied that the Indians had come to help administer the agreement reached between the two high commands.

But the Indians were taking no chances of provoking the South Koreans whose Ministers only a few weeks ago were threatening to "drive off by force" any Indian who set foot in Korea to administer the Armistice.

During their visit they were not planning to enter Seoul or any other populated Korean centres.

When their plane lands at Seoul Airport outside the city limits this week-end the plan is to move them straight "over to the plane" to help administer the buffer zone.—China Mail Special.

Minister Pays Call The Hague, Aug. 6. Dr. Hussein Fatemi, Persian Foreign Minister, who is at present holding talks here with nine Iranian envoys, paid a courtesy call on the Dutch Foreign Minister (without port-folio), Joseph M. A. E. Luns, at the Foreign Ministry this morning. The visit lasted 45 minutes.—Reuters.

RN Casualties In Korea London, Aug. 6. The Royal Navy and the Royal Marines suffered casualties in the Korean War and 28 sailors and marines were taken prisoner, the Admiralty stated today.

In a review of the Royal Navy's work during the war and since the Armistice the Admiralty said 87 had been killed, 75 wounded, 10 were missing and two had died of wounds of the 17,000 officers and men of the Navy, Royal Marines and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service estimated to have served afloat in Korea waters since June 1950.—China Mail Special.

Clergyman's Attack On Malan Geneva, Aug. 6. The Rev. Michael Scott, Anglican clergyman, champion of African rights, told the United Nations Special Commission on Racial Discrimination in South Africa today that South Africa's racial policy was a threat to the peace of that country and the world.

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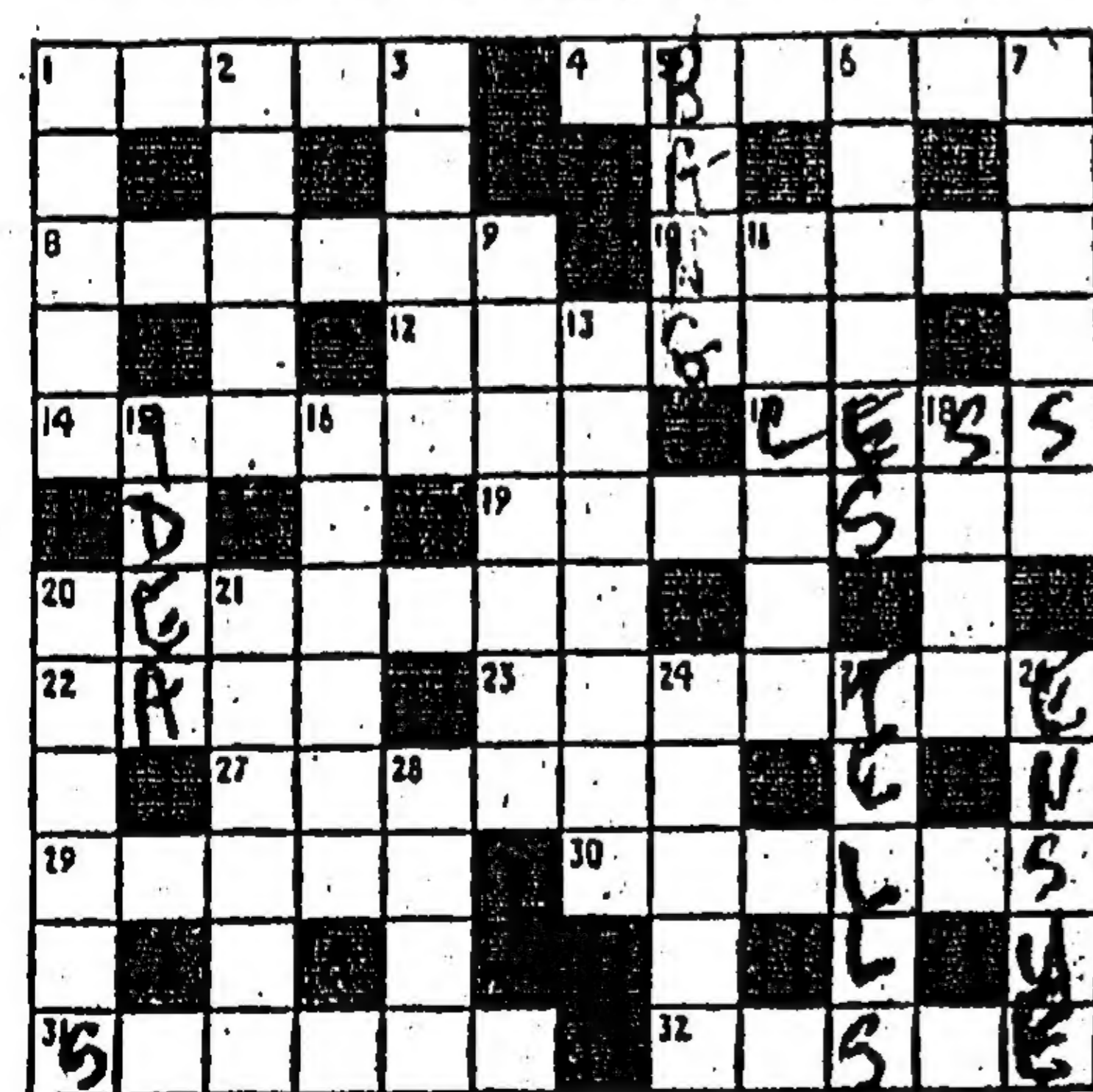
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### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:
- 1 Catalogues (5).
  - 4 Reviled (6).
  - 8 Depended (6).
  - 10 Sent (5).
  - 12 Obnoxious creatures (6).
  - 14 Bishop's district (7).
  - 17 Power (4).
  - 19 Wives, perhaps (7).
  - 20 It's proverbially light (7).
  - 22 Endure (4).
  - 23 Knot of ribbons (7).
  - 27 German (6).
  - 29 Bet with disdain (5).
  - 30 Defects (6).
  - 31 Confectionery (6).
  - 32 Kind of thread (5).

- DOWN:
- 1 Sensational (5).
  - 2 Broadside (6).
  - 3 Riddle (5).
  - 5 Noise of discharge (4).
  - 6 Small cakes (6).
  - 7 Constraint (6).
  - 9 Fruit course (7).
  - 11 Weaken (6).
  - 13 Censure (7).
  - 15 Thought (4).
  - 16 Ship's boat (6).
  - 18 Denomination (4).
  - 20 Pocket bottles (5).
  - 21 Shrewd (6).
  - 24 Slow mover (5).
  - 25 Relates (5).
  - 26 Follow (5).
  - 28 Individual thing, person or group (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Aspiring, 8 Lost, 9 Directed, 11 Promoted, 13 Prey, 15 Convened, 18 Selected, 19 Type, 21 Admiration, 23 Partisan, 26 Mead, 27 Enlisted, Down: 1 Flop, 2 Deeds, 4 Silk, 5 Feed, 7 Intox, 9 Gladly, 10 Dopes, 10 Repel, 12 Roomy, 14 Eaters, 16 Needs, 17 Demon, 19 Topps, 20 Peril, 21 Aids, 22 Mats, 23 Ibez, 24 Helt.

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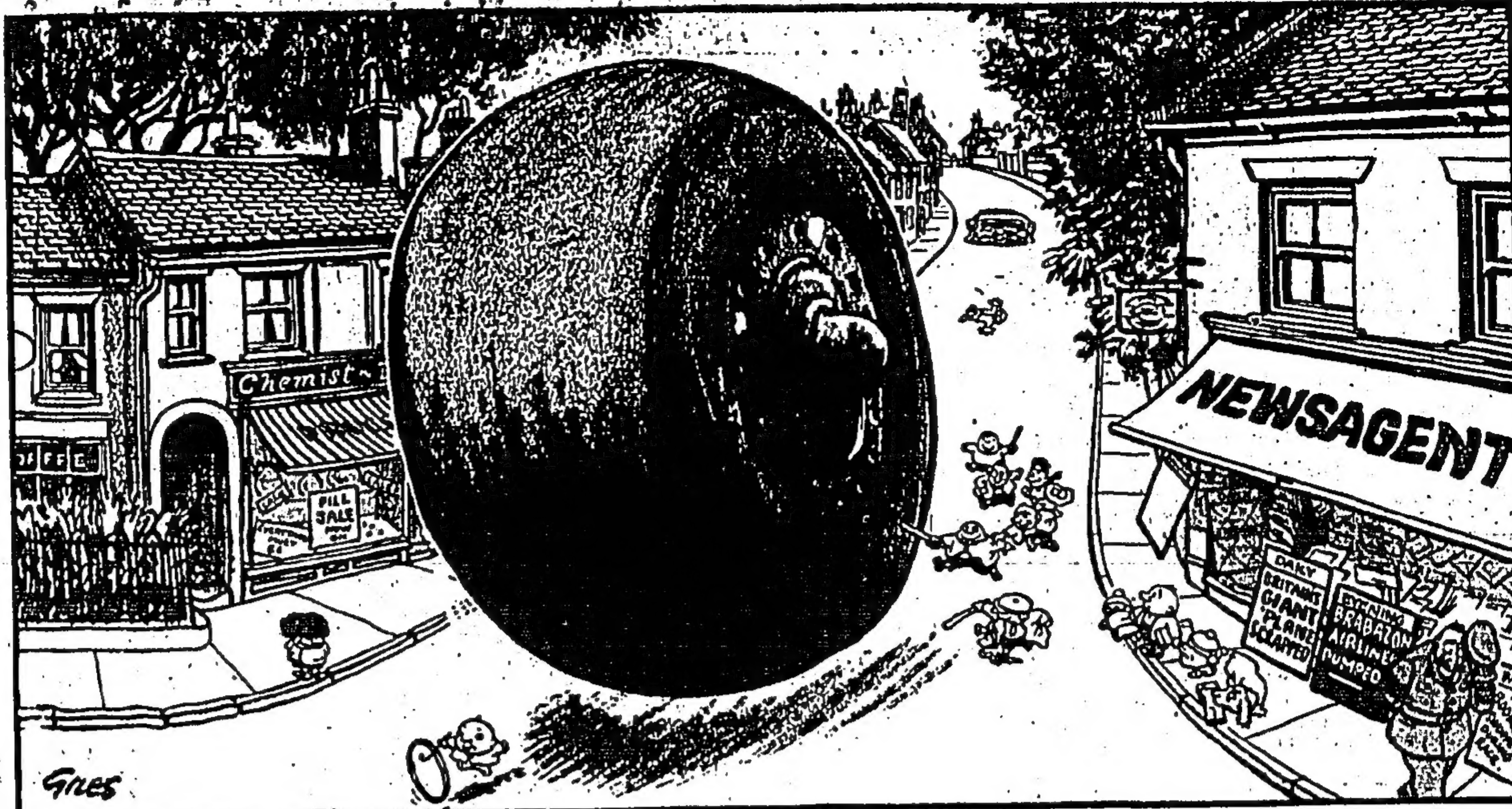
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## BACKGROUND TO THE NEWS

# Why Germans Flee To The West

By JOHN SHERWOOD

OFFICIALS in Berlin call it "the refugee stream". I saw it first from a fourth floor window. Down below was a gravelled courtyard, and in it groups of people were moving about. "Everyone you can see from this window, is a refugee from the Soviet Zone," said an official standing beside me.

New arrivals in West Berlin have to pass through 16 separate offices before they stand a chance of being recognised as genuine refugees, deserving of official help from the West German authorities. The people in the courtyard were being processed through the machine, so to speak.

One of the groups I noticed consisted of a couple with two children—boys—the man wearing a dark blue peaked cap and a double-breasted overcoat which ended just below the waist. "That's a peasant farmer," said the official. "They usually dress like that."

The woman had the same sturdy, peasant look, and the official added: "Most of the peasants make for Berlin when they're turned off their land."

### No Breadwinner

THIS family group told its own story, but many of the others did not. For instance, the woman with three small children at her skirts, followed by an elderly couple, obviously the grandparents. "No breadwinner in that family," commented my friend. "I'm afraid they may have a hard time."

Where was the breadwinner, the father of the three children? What had happened to him? And—moving on—who was the solitary, slim, self-possessed woman carrying all her worldly goods in a raffia shopping bag? "Probably a school-teacher," suggested my friend the official. "We get quite a lot of them, especially before the start of a new term."

And then there were three youths of 17 or 18 apparently treating the whole thing as an adventure. My friend thought they had probably come West to avoid being recruited into the Communist army—the so-called People's Police. "We often get 80 or 100 young men like that in a week."

Lastly there were the very old: slow-moving elderly people, many of them walking with sticks; a blind old woman on another woman's arm. One wondered what could possibly have induced them to leave familiar places and people, to end their days somewhere in Western Germany living on the charity of strangers. Out of a total Soviet Zone population of roughly 18 million, half a million refugees have come through since Berlin was divided in 1949, slipping across the sector boundaries unnoticed among the crowds of Berliners going to or from their work. Why? I spent a fortnight trying to find out.

### The Decision

ONE idea must be got rid of. The vast majority of these people did not become refugees as a matter of principle, or as a form of political protest against Communism. They were opposed to Communism, certainly, but no one wants to leave home, furniture, friends and job, to face an uncertain future in a strange place. Almost every refugee had decided in the end to come West because of some definite event, something which had convinced him that the future in the Soviet Zone was hopeless.

To begin with, there are the members of those social classes which the regime has marked down for destruction, for example, farmers. Private traders and manufacturers are also doomed. But, instead of nationalising their undertakings by publishing a series of decrees, the Soviet Government prefers to work more gradually and less directly. First, the authorities take a decision in private—the immediate target will be, say, haulage contractors in the Magdeburg district owning three or more lorries. But the people concerned are not simply told that they are to be expropriated; instead, the economic and income tax inspectors move in, and begin to find fault. One firm has a small arrears of income tax. Another committed "economic sabotage" by paying the drivers more than the maximum wage fixed by the State. The inspectors are under orders to find something wrong; if they cannot, they must use their imagination.

### New Wave

THE penalty for "economic sabotage" may be 10 or 20 years in prison. So, after a few arrests have been made, the remaining haulage contractors in the district begin to make their way to West Berlin. Each campaign of this kind starts a wave of refugees. A few months ago it was the hotel-keepers. For various reasons, mostly military, the regime decided to evacuate some of the holiday resorts along the Baltic coast. So the hotel-keepers there were systematically accused, one after

another, of some alleged crime—"capitalistic exploitation" of the odd job man, having a grosser untruths in the text-books about the Western world. For instance, she did not conceal the fact that British "colonial exploitation" included the freeing of India. The class soon realised what she was doing—children are very quick—but because they liked and respected her they did not give her away. As she herself told me with some pride: "My class behaved splendidly."

But on May 1, 1953 all such people had their ration cards taken away, under a general measure affecting individuals connected with private business and trade, and their families. After that date, their only source of food was the free shops. But free shop prices, much higher than ration prices, are widely beyond the reach of small incomes.

### Very Difficult

EVERYONE knew that these people of limited means would have to become refugees or starve. But a new factor has emerged. It is clear that in many places the food is not there in the free shops for those who can afford to buy at free shop prices. So the fairly well-to-do are also swelling the refugee stream. No one knows yet how big this latest wave is going to be.

These people are really economic refugees—hunger refugees—and not political at all. The people who come nearest to being political refugees in the real sense are the teachers. They cannot stay out of trouble by keeping their mouths shut—in class they are expected lavishly to praise the regime. And if one loathes and despises it, this is a very difficult thing to do. Tako Frau Mueller, a war widow who started training as a teacher in 1940. The schools were one of the few sectors that the Communists demoralised at all thoroughly, and there were plenty of teaching posts vacant. So, after a short training course, Frau Mueller got a post in an Oberschule, or secondary school. She was a pleasant, rather quiet woman and, though her economic knowledge may have been sketchy, I am sure the children liked her and wanted to learn from her. She enjoyed her work too—until the regime began to communise the curriculum.

Her worst worry, of course, was the "Current Affairs" period, though history and geography lessons were often awkward too. But she found that there were ways of staying on one's feet. Some of the alleged glories of the

Soviet Union, and she managed to correct some of the grosser untruths in the text-books about the Western world. For instance, she did not conceal the fact that British "colonial exploitation" included the freeing of India. The class soon realised what she was doing—children are very quick—but because they liked and respected her they did not give her away. As she herself told me with some pride: "My class behaved splendidly."

### Almost Relief

THE headmaster used to come into the classroom from time to time, and I did various inspections. They found nothing actively wrong, though the atmosphere while they were in there must have been pretty electric.

But, in the end, the Party cell among the school staff became suspicious. And one day a new girl appeared in class transferred for no obvious reason from another school. She was a fanatical member of the Communist youth organisation, the F.D.J. And whenever Frau Mueller ventured on delicate ground, her face lit up and she began eagerly to take notes of what Frau Mueller said. As Frau Mueller put it: "We had a traitor among us. We couldn't trust each other any more."

It was almost a relief for her when she was sacked. A few weeks later without notice, on the ground that she was an "enemy of the anti-Fascist order". Three days after that, she was on her way to West Berlin.

The pattern of Frau Mueller's case is fairly typical. Long before she was dismissed, the pressure of the regime had made her acutely unhappy. But, as in most cases, it took more than that to turn her into a refugee. There has to be some direct personal crisis. Frau Mueller loses her job; the small manufacturer becomes convinced that he is about to be arrested; the lorry driver crashes into a lamp post and comes West rather than face a prison sentence for "economic sabotage". The elderly couple, living on the borderline of starvation, are evicted from their single room. Where else are they to go, except to West Berlin?

### Slippery Slope

SOMETIMES the personal crisis takes the form of a choice—whether or not to collaborate with the regime. Mr A. has been talked into becoming a candidate-member of the S.E.D. (Socialist Unity) or Communist Party. Now that the time for full membership has come, it seems a formidable step to take, and he shrinks from it. He cannot refuse without compromising himself, so he runs away. Mr B. gets into minor trouble with the police—a friend stayed the night and the proper people

## 400 Wives Ask Same Question

From THOMAS CLAYTON

EVERY airmail brings more letters to husbands from the 400 British wives flown home to the U.K. last May when the situation in Egypt looked like getting tough.

All the letters ask the same question: "When do you think we will be able to rejoin you?" The husbands are still unable to give a definite answer.

They know Cairo will remain the Middle East's crisis city so long as the Suez Canal Zone problem remains an Anglo-Egyptian storm centre.

The wives were evacuated on British Embassy advice after the breakdown of the talks. The decision was prompted by the spate of "hate Britain" speeches following the May 6 walk-out by the Egyptians from the talks.

### Black Saturday

Naguib's young officers' outbursts became fiery enough to revive memories of 1951's Black Saturday, when anti-Britain mobs burnt, looted and killed 17 people in Cairo.

Since flying home the wives have read that Cairo has been quite calm. So they are asking "When?" It is not money that is their No. 1 problem; the firms which ordered husbands to send their families home are paying separation allowances.

It is the difficulty of finding a home in England. One wife nestled the problem in a letter: "It is hateful living with relatives—how better how kind out of suitcase. I am for ever saying 'Don't' to the children. No place like your own home." It is the husbands who are feeling the "pinch" in their wives' absence.

Two afternoons golfing became four or five when the wives left. And even a few drinks afterwards come expensive in a city where imported beers sell at 2s. 6d. and a small whisky and soda 3s.

The husbands are also often dining out in restaurants where a modest meal costs 15 shillings.

### Watching Closely

So they are watching the Canal Zone situation as closely as an ambassador.

They have not been cheered by the speeches of Egypt's young soldier-rulers during the recent five-day festivities celebrating the anniversary of Naguib's dawn coup last July 23. There was no hint of Egypt modifying her Zone demands.

But the Arabic papers are taking an optimistic line and plugging the re-start of the talks by the middle of August.

Britain's negotiating team is meantime patiently awaiting for Naguib to make a move to restart the talks—if he really desires agreement.

## TAIKOO SUGAR

HALF CUBES  
GRANULATED  
ICING  
CASTER

Obtainable from all  
shops & stores



## Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



## BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

A noisy rumour is afoot. It says that the television screen, used for the sixth form at Narkover, has been showing details of criminal technique, such as safe-blowing.

Asked to comment on this, Dr. Smith-Allick said, "Nowadays it is important to know how a burglar works. Especially as many of our boys hope to join the police force. Asked if the use of television for such purposes might not give the wrong ideas into boys' heads, the Headmaster replied, "I'm not in the least concerned. The boys acquire a habit of tearing apart in charts and hurling spears at each other."

Here, there, and everywhere

While ploughing 50,000 lettuce back into the ground a farmer inadvertently brought back two members of an agricultural committee.

An elephant trod on a child's balloon, and burst it, at Falkirk. The magistrate said, "It was waste of energy. The child's mother said, 'It requires no energy for an elephant to tread on a child's balloon.' Well, waste of time."

## WHAT'S HER LINE?

TESSA DREWS  
Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.  
(Solution on Page 10)

## YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

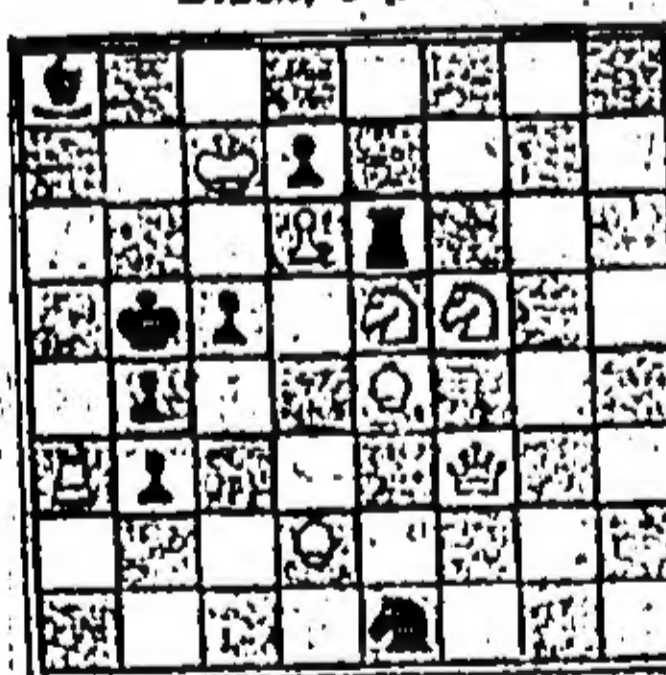
BORN today, you are fun-loving and vivacious. You have a highly magnetic personality, which draws people to you. You enjoy outdoor life and cannot endure living in crowded urban areas. You are a natural leader, and your energy and enthusiasm are contagious. You are a natural leader, and your energy and enthusiasm are contagious. You are a natural leader, and your energy and enthusiasm are contagious.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

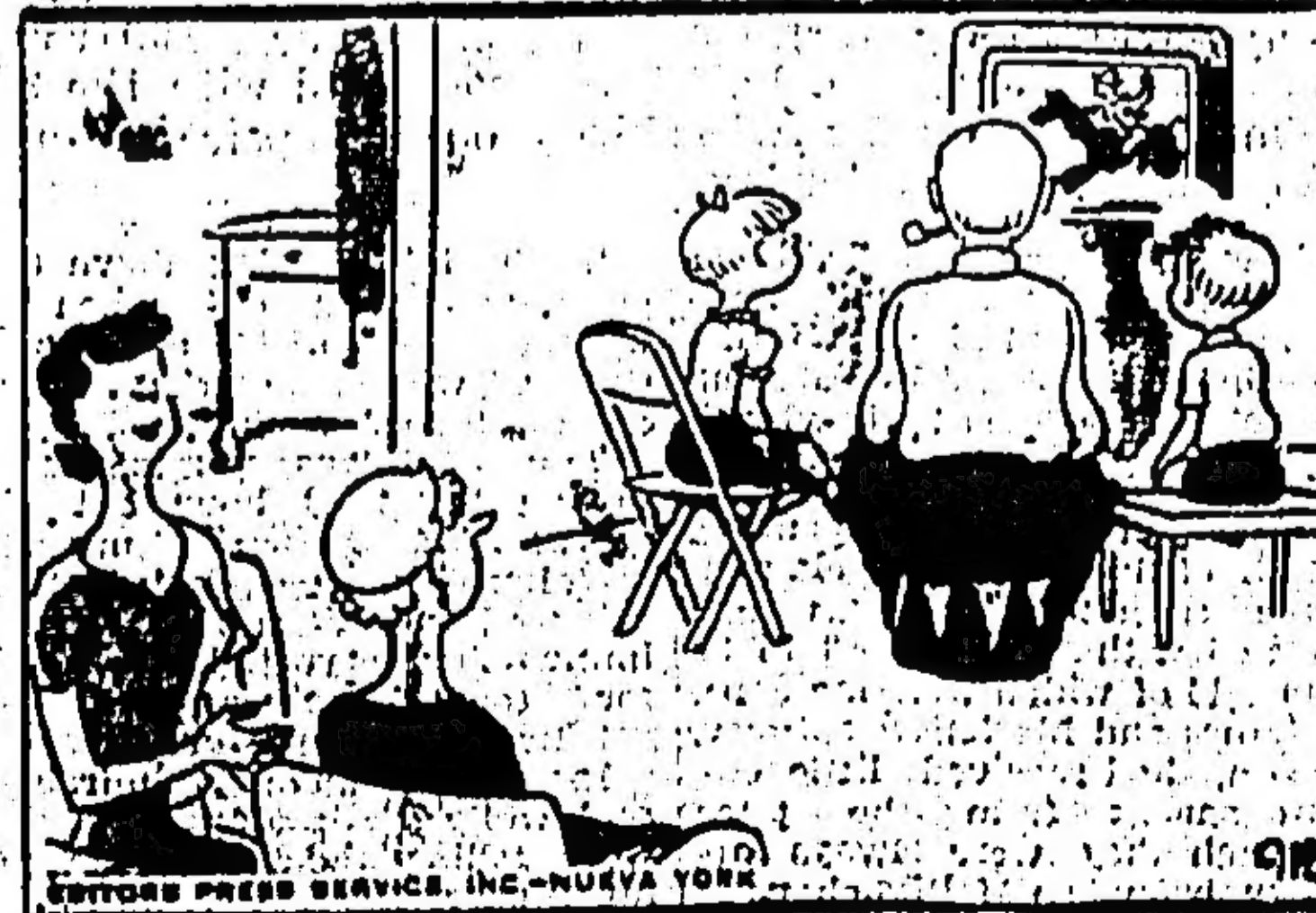
Take full advantage of this week-end for an outdoor excursion. Enjoy the summer weather while you can. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Get away somewhere in your own car or by train. Or go to the beach or to the mountains. But don't stay home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Utilize your magnetic personality both business and social activities to your advantage. Get what you want. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Physical relaxation is necessary. But sometimes relaxing mental tensions is just as important. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) Take full advantage of the good old summer time. There isn't much of it left. This year. CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) Plan for thorough relaxation this week-end. If you have been working hard, you can utilize a few days. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) If you have had a hard time, plan to get them done bright and early this morning so the balance of the day is for fun. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) A short trip might prove exhilarating and change your point of view for the better. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) Your favourite hobby might be the most relaxing activity for you over this week-end. Enjoy it to the hilt. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) Get outdoors, if at all possible. You will find the country delightful and it will relax all tensions.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BOUTIER



White, 8 pieces.  
White to play and win in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. B-K2, any; 2. Q-K1 or P-moves.



Television is really a necessity when there are children in the family.

## JACOB ON BRIDGE

Gal Shows Talent At Mixed Tourney

NORTH			
Q10853			
K83			
64			
J104			
WEST			
K			
954			
A73			
A9783			
EAST			
J6			
1072			
10852			
Q85			
SOUTH (D)			
A8742			
Q6			
K99			
K2			
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
1NT	2♣	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—4♣			

By OSWALD JACOBY

I CAN explain the bidding of South in today's hand merely pointing out that it took place in a mixed pair tournament. In such an event the male half of the partnership usually tries to play as many hands as possible, particularly in no-trump.

Mind you, I don't say that these tactics are justified, since sometimes the woman is a better player than the man. I am merely reporting what takes place in mixed pair events. Most experts would bid a spade with the South hand instead of one no-trump. Most experts, likewise, would raise spades if they failed to bid the suit the first time. The experts would be right, ordinarily, but this time South wanted to play the hand and he had his wish.

West opened the six of clubs and South began to feel sorry that he had insisted on a no-trump contract. At spades, the probable loss would be one trump, one diamond and one club. At no-trump, apparently, he was headed for a defeat.

South shrewdly played the jack of clubs from dummy at the first trick. The idea was to tempt East into covering with the queen of clubs (assuming that he held that card). East fell for this little ruse by putting up the queen of clubs, and South won with the king of clubs. Dummy's ten-spot now furnished a second stopper.

East should have played a low club at the first trick. Dummy's jack would hold the trick, but then West could win the second club trick with the ace, capturing the king. East's queen would then be good for the third club, and declarer would thus win only one club trick. After winning the first trick with the king of clubs, South laid down the ace of spades hopefully. West dropped the king to declarer's delight, and South paused for reflection. The contract was now safe, but South wanted to play for the maximum.

Declarer therefore entered dummy with the king of hearts and led a diamond towards his king. West won with the ace and decided that there was lots of time to work on the clubs since apparently East had enough spades to prevent that suit from becoming a threat. West therefore led a low club instead of returning a diamond. Dummy won with the ten of clubs, and now declarer came from behind the bushes by running the rest of the spades and his top cards in the red suits. His score for making 11 tricks at no-trump was highly satisfactory.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West  
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3♠ 3♥ 3♦ 3♣  
4♠ 4♥ 4♦ 4♣  
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## Stuffings Add Colour To Main Dish

By ALICE DENHOFF

DESPITE some declines in prices, the budget still has to be carefully considered by many of us when preparing those three squares a day, especially the main dinner dish. So we offer today a neatly rounded collection of main dish recipes that are outstanding yet easily prepared.

For satisfying meals use stuffings as an extender and extra taste treat. Pineapple Stuffed Ham Slices tops the bill, the recipe to serve 8-8.

**PINEAPPLE STUFFING.**  
Melt 2 tbsp. shortening in a skillet; add 3 tsp. chopped onion and saute until tender. Combine with one of soft bread cubes, 3/4 tsp. salt, dash of pepper and a 16-oz. tin crushed pineapple that has been drained.  
Use 2 centre slices ham, 3/4-in. thick (3 lbs.). Place one slice ham in shallow roasting pan. Spread stuffing over ham slice, then cover with second ham slice. Combine 1/2 c. brown sugar, 1/2 c. dry bread crumbs, 2 tsp. melted butter, 1/2 tsp. water and 1 tsp. each dry mustard and vinegar. Spread

## STUFFED CHICKEN

Beginner brides will rate tops with "friend" husband when serving "not just" roast chicken, but a fine roast stuffed chicken. For 2 servings, buy a 2 1/2-lb. broiling chicken split down the back only. Wash and pat chicken dry with a towel.  
Melt 1/2 c. shortening in a skillet; add 1/4 c. chopped onion, 1/4 c. chopped celery and saute in hot fat for 15 minutes. Pour this mixture over one of soft bread cubes, 1/2 tsp. salt, dash of pepper and 1/2 cup poultry seasoning. Add 1/3 c. chicken bouillon or water, mixing thoroughly.

Spread chicken apart and fill cavities with the stuffing. Fasten chicken halves together with skewers, or toothpicks. Pull neck skin over back and secure with skewers. Lace twine around skewers from neck down centre back to tail, then tie. Tie legs together tightly.  
Grease skin with fat. Place chicken on rack in a baking pan and roast, uncovered, in 350° F. oven for 1 1/2 hours. Make gravy with drippings.

## DILL STUFFING

A dill pickle stuffing is guaranteed to perk up bland fish, such as fillet of sole. For 6 servings, combine 1 1/2 qts. soft 1/2-in. bread cubes, 1/4 c. butter, 1/2 c. chopping dill pickle, 1/3 c. chopped onion, 1/3 c. milk or water, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. sage or marjoram.

Place 1/2 c. stuffing on each of 6 fillets of sole, then roll up crosswise. Place on greased baking pan or platter, arranging fillets so overlapping edges are down. Shape remaining stuffing into a ball, using 1/4 c. per ball, and place in same pan as fish. Combine 1/2 cup melted butter and 1/4 tsp. paprika; carefully brush over fillets. Bake at 400° F. for 25 minutes.

## DUMB BELLS

HE WAS CONDEMNED TO THE CHAIR BUT SAVED HIS LIFE BY DYING IN JAIL!



## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Can Words Really Grow Up?

—Knarf Thinks Grandpapa's Glass Can Make Them—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, both loved Grandpapa. Grandpapa came to visit, and by and by he took a round piece of glass out of his pocket and held it in front of a book and started to read. The children and the shadows crowded around him.

"What's that glass for, Grandpapa?" one of the children asked him. "I'd like to know, too," Knarf added.

Grandpapa looked up with a smile. He held out the glass. "It's a magnifying glass," he explained. "When you look through it, it makes things appear bigger than they are. Just see for yourselves," he said, holding it over a page of the book.

Knarf and Hanid looked at it. "It does make the words look bigger," Hanid agreed. "Here, let me look through it, too," Knarf said. "I'll tell you whether the words look bigger or not. Move aside, please." He peered through the glass. "It certainly does make the words look bigger," he exclaimed in a surprised voice. "Just look at the word dog. Now

it looks like DOG. That glass makes things grow up quickly, all right."

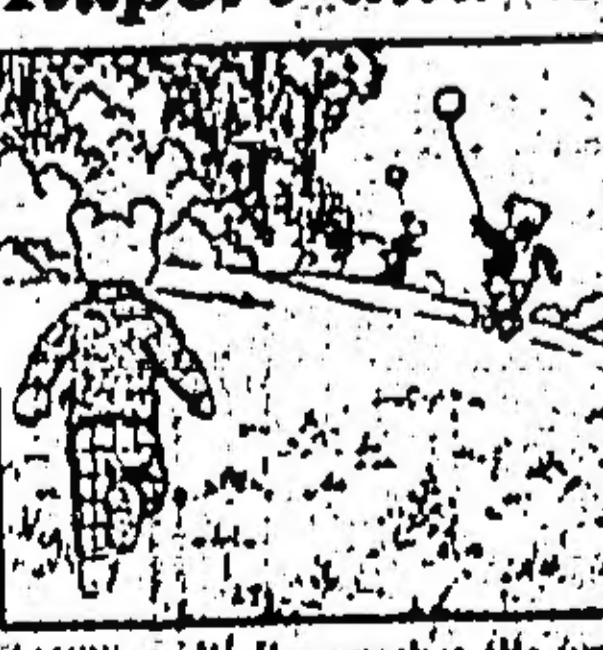
"It doesn't really make them grow up," Hanid said. "It only makes them seem to grow up. But they are bigger, Hanid. You can see for yourself."

Aren't Really Bigger  
Hanid kept shaking her head and repeating: "They just seem to be bigger. They aren't really and truly bigger."

Knarf, however, wouldn't admit that Hanid was right. "It not only makes them bigger, it also makes them grow up."

Found the Word  
"What do you mean?" Knarf asked. "Do you know what kitten will look like through the magnifying glass?" "Just a big KITTEN," his sister replied. "And what's a big KITTEN?" "It's a cat, isn't it?" "That's right. A big kitten is a cat." She suddenly started to laugh. "Knarf—do you really think if you look at kitten through the magnifying glass, it will become a cat? That's impossible. I know it won't happen that way."

## Rupert and the Pepper-Rose—2



Willie said Rupert that the wonderful balloons were being sold by a peddler man over the hill. They're jolly cheap and all our pals are buying them," he declared. "If you want one you'd better hurry before they're all gone!" Thinking him Rupert was off and on his way he saw Algy and a balloon, too? "Algy, you must run the peddler is moving on to the next village. So Rupert says they are," he murmured. "I needn't worry," he hissed to himself.



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## NEW FASHION LENGTH

The "Chump" of the Paris dress shows, Christian Dior, floored his rivals with one surprise knock-out blow. He brought back the short skirt. Everyone of his mannequins wore skirts at just below knee-length. Everyone of his dresses, full, narrow, pleated or fluted shaped and a short skirt. Pictured here is a young lady setting the fashion in London.



## Ideal Gift For A Girl

By HELEN FOLLETT

NO BESTOWER of gifts ever errs in giving a girl a powder compact. She has one. What of it? She also may have half a dozen bags or purses, and what is nicer than a cute little trick of a powder container in each one? Then she won't have to unload and load beauty props, changing from one purse to another. We all know what that means—dumping the contents out on a table, packing them in another receptacle.

If you are seeking a birthday gift for your friend, take a look at these offerings: A white velvet box shows a beautiful compact, a wide of color and a lipstick—all enclosed in a shining golden tone metal and decorated with imitation gems. The girl who possesses this trifle will feel like a million dollars when she faces forth for the gala evening.

Ingenious Device  
Some of these items, quite new, have an ingenious device similar to the windshield wiper to keep the mirror free of powder. Think of that! What will they be next? To make beauty-seekers grateful. If you haven't a yen for metal, you can purchase a powder container of soft, calf or smart snakeskin with hand-set stones. Then there are the good-old-time sterling silver ones, more exquisite than the signed than over. A little call number is looted to simulate a tiny book. Another one has the lipstick attached. Still others combine powder and rouge compact between two lids.

Household Hints  
If food sticks to a utensil, soak in hot water with a little washing soda added. Boil, if necessary, then wash, using scouring powder and a brush. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

Pretty bath towels make nice draperies for the bathroom. Just sew rings to one hem of a pair and hang them from an ordinary rod. They drape gracefully without pleating, and absorb steamy moisture without growing limp. They can also be washed easily in the washing machine and then hanging.

When darkening those pretty simulators on your face, avoid tiny strokes. From the inner corner of the eye, draw a line of darkening agent, and use it sparingly. Brush it on the upper eyelids with an upward motion to give the delicate shafts a pretty tilt. The growth on the lower eyelid should not be darkened. There is often some moisture there, and who would have muddy-rimmed eyes? The crayon was designed especially for the eyebrows, never serves satisfactorily on the eyelashes because it is likely to pass through the growth on the white surface of the skin.

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